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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application	)	
Peterson, et al.	)	Examiner: C. Anderson
Serial No.: 08/815,434	)	Art Unit: 3735
Filed: March 11, 1997	)	Dept. Acct. No.: 04-1403
Title: Smoking Article	)	
Wrapper for	)	
Controlling Ignition	)	
Proclivity of a	)	
Smoking Article	)	
Without Affecting	)	
Smoking	)	
Characteristics	)	

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C.

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 1998, please  
amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 7, 13, 21 and 27.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18,  
20, 22, 23 and 26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A smoking article comprising a tobacco  
column, and a wrapper surrounding said tobacco column, said  
smoking article having a first end, a second end, and a  
longitudinal axis extending from said first end to said second  
end. said wrapper comprising discrete areas of reduced  
permeability for improving ignition proclivity characteristics of  
said smoking article, said discrete areas of reduced permeability